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CHRISTMAS IS HERE.

Amid the boisterous joys that trail along with Santa Claus, the gifts, the sweets, the many glad surprises and the delightful laughter of the children, it is good to know that all this festivity has not been idle. There has been a kindly meaning in it all.

Not many mothers and fathers are there who have not reminded their increasingly hilarious flock time and again that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

It is not the crow of gladness with which the youngster seizes his much-to-be-prized toy that reveals him to his parents. And those anxious ones are always on the alert to see what kind of man or woman in their home.

Rather it is the little, modest, sidelong glance that stole to sister's face, the wistful eyes that timidly sought Daddy's for a second, while the recipient of the children's gift tore open the tissue and tinsel and disclosed the loving present that lay there.

The thrill that came to sister or to father at that moment did not compare to the tingling glow that welled up from the heart of the giver. This is the joy of Christmas. It is not new. Since Jesus walked in Galilee the world has known it.

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A KANSAS PRECEDENT.

In a Kansas town the recently elected candidates ranging from state senator to assessor, having in the campaign told the voters what they expected to do if elected, turned about right after election and at a public meeting told "what we expect of the public during our term of office." It is a valuable precedent and should spread. Telling the public what to do should not, however, be confined to the elected officials. They might not tell all that the public should do. Opinion on the part of the public to act in its own behalf should be received.

CROPS, GOODS AND MONEY.

Certainly there is no cause for levity in the estimate of the department of agriculture that this year's crops are worth five billions of dollars less than last year's. But if we will look beyond the dollar mark perhaps we shall see that it is no cause for profound discouragement, either.

The crop was larger than the 1919 crop, except, of course, in wheat. But altogether there were more tons and bushels of the fruit of the soil produced. The trouble is, the crop now sells for less.

But so does everything else. Manufactured goods are undergoing a tremendous decline, perhaps another five billions. There are still goods enough for our consumption and our foreign trade. There is also enough of foodstuffs. There has been a fall of 10 billions in dollar marks, which no one can either eat or wear. The country has been only apparently impoverished, not actually.

The capital invested in farming and the other business of the country has suffered, of course. That means just this; that there are fewer dollar marks gained, not less wealth. It means that the 1921 dollar will

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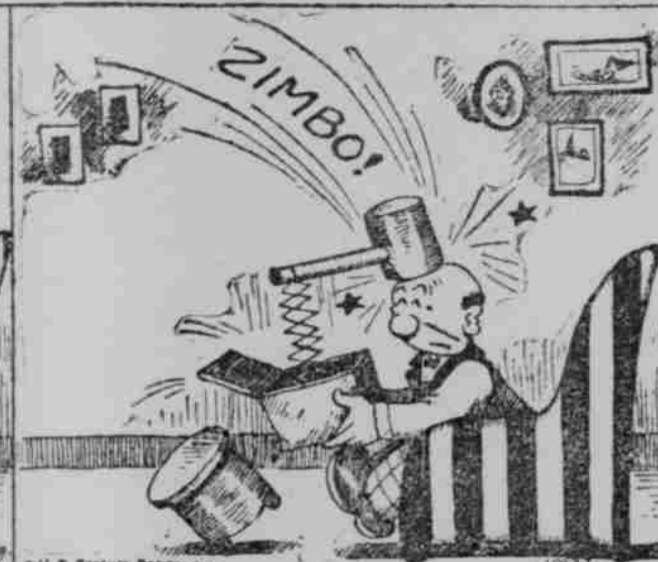
MERRY CHRISTMAS

OLD SANTA CLAUS, THE DEAR OLD CUSS,
 HAS COME TO VISIT ALL OF US
 THE GREATEST DAY OF ALL THE YEAR.
 DEAR FRIENDS AND READERS, NOW IS HERE,
 THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT'S HERE AGAIN
 WITH PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN

TO ONE AND ALL

GLAD GREETINGS ON THIS FESTIVE DAY
 AND MAY YOUR HEARTS BE LIGHT AND GLAD
 IT COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR AND SO
 LET JOY AND GLADNESS OVERFLOW—
 A CHRISTMAS, HAPPY AND COMPLETE
 FOR YOU—FROM HOPP AND HANK AND PETE.

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THE DAY AFTER

be worth more than 36 cents in terms of pre-war currency, its 1920 value. There will not be a panic, economists say. A dollar will buy more than formerly. That always benefits the consumer, and hits the producer. But in the long run it will not mean a drastic change in values.

The financial ship rocked too far to one side in 1920. It's careening the other way now. Pretty soon 'twill right itself.

ANXIOUS DAYS.

Maybe you think all is serene in the little hearts for whose enjoyment Christmas festivities were mainly invented. But go back as many years as need be to the time you were a child, and "believed" and perhaps you will remember the horrid, gripping fear of finding your stocking full of ashes or switches, because you had been a naughty boy or girl.

Santa, alas, will miss a good many children this year. And not all of them will be deserving of the neglect. A New Jersey judge the other day, by the way, passed a most lugubrious sentence on two boys who were found guilty of cramming the light of a minister's auto full of dirt. Poor lads! They have to go to bed at 6 o'clock every night for a month. They have to go right up to the minister and beg his pardon. And—worst of all—they are not to receive a single Christmas present.

We'll bet a Christmas necktie against a plum pudding that their dads and mothers fool the court.

THE PREACHER governor of Florida who threatens to go after an editor with a "double barreled shot gun loaded with buckshot" exhibits indications of militancy rather than exposure of the other cheek.

BEING MENTIONED for a cabinet place is a popular distinction at present. And it is an unenergetic man who cannot get his name suggested.

IT MAY NEVER be known how many bolsheviks are made in this country by laundries that send collars home fitted with saw teeth.

IF MORE PERSONS would take their work as seriously as they do their troubles, they would have fewer of the latter.

IF MEXICO wants to see some real money, all the government need do is to make the country safe for the American dollar.

The-Passing-Show

A WOMAN was fined \$50 for telling THE judge to go to the devil.

IT serves her right, women should learn THAT they can't talk to judges.

LIKE they do to their husbands. NO one piece of mechanism COMBINES all the advantages.

AND while we much prefer the coal FURNACE for house warming and life preserving.

WITH much rather shake down A GAS or oil furnace.

WE don't know much but we do know THAT it is astonishing how many winters.

YOU can get through in an old overcoat IN periods of world unrest.

WITH most women the tying of a CHRISTMAS present is far more IMPORTANT than the buying.

ANY met can obtain popularity BUT it takes a level-headed MAN to retain it.

WHEN you say Scotch to a woman SHE thinks in her prosaic way OF plaid skirts and woolen stockings.

BUT when you say it to a man HE thinks of the library lamp shed-ding.

ITS flood of golden sunshine AND of kind-faced old cows standing.

KNEE-DEEP in silvery streams AS poor old Billy Baxter used to say THIS would be a mighty quiet world.

IF a man didn't make any MORE noise over his politics than HE does about his religion.

THE trouble with the fellow who TRIES to be better than other people IS that he always acts that way.

BIBLICAL history is UNFORTUNATELY incomplete AND we often wonder if Adam and Eve.

ESCAPED all the children's diseases BY coming into the world.

FULL grown or if they had to have them anyway.

AND we should like to feel EVEN at this late day THAT old Adam had the mumps at least.

WOMEN have to wear a SMILE all the time to keep the NEIGHBORS from reporting THAT they are having trouble with her neighbors.

WE asked our pastor the other day WHAT he generally says when HIS feet suddenly fly out from under him.

AND he assumes a sitting posture ON the icy pavement.

AND he said that he always said such BUT we noticed the SUSPICION of a smile lurking ABOUT the corners of his mouth.

A PATIENT good-natured street car conductor IS one of the noblest works of creation.

WE often wonder in our artless WAY whatever become of the SOCIETY For The Prevention of Useless Christmas Giving?

AND our last word tonight is Merry Christmas.

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Stock of Automobile Parts, Accessories, Supplies, Tires and Machinery, also Store Fixtures and Equipment used in the Sale of Said Property and Tools and Machinery used in the repair of Automobiles, inventoring over \$6,000.00.

Store will be open for inspection on Monday, December 27th, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and before then by appointment. Complete inventory may be seen in the office of Trustee or his attorneys, Roe & Petersen of East Chicago, Ind.

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Trustee in Bankruptcy

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